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Sir:

Enclosed is the completed Issue Fee Transmittal, in response to the Notice of Allowance dated March 9, 2007 in the above-identified patent application. Applicants note that the present Notice of Allowance represents the third Notice of Allowance issued in the present application. A first Notice of Allowance was issued on 3/2/06. The application went abandoned unintentionally on June 3, 2006, and was thereafter revived with the filing on June 6, 2006 of a Petition For Revival Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), which was submitted with the Issue Fee (including payment of \$1400 for such issue fee).

Thereafter, on October 3, 2006, Applicants filed a first Petition to Withdraw From Issue with a Request for Continued Examination and an Information Disclosure Statement to obtain consideration of a then-newly-cited prior art reference. On October 30, 2006, a second Notice of Allowance was issued. The Issue Fee was submitted on January 22, 2007, including a request that the prior payment of the Issue Fee on June 3, 2006 be applied.

On February 7, 2007, Applicants filed a second Petition to Withdraw From Issue with a Request for Continued Examination and an Information Disclosure Statement to obtain consideration of a then-newly-cited prior art reference.

Most recently, the present (third) Notice of Allowance dated March 9, 2007 was mailed.

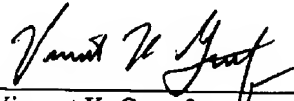
The (third) Notice of Allowance mailed on March 9, 2007 accurately reflects a "Prev. Paid Issue Fee" of \$1400.00, but that such Notice of Allowance erroneously indicates "Total Fee(s) Due" of \$1400.00. Applicants hereby request that, pursuant to MPEP 1306, the issue fee (\$1400.00) previously paid on June 6, 2006 be applied to the issue fee currently due in the present application.

Since the utility issue fee amount is currently \$1400.00 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.18(a), and Applicants have already paid such amount via credit card on June 6, 2006 in the present application, it is believed that no additional fees are due and payable to obtain issuance of the instant application. To the extent that Applicants are incorrect in this understanding, however,

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Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures:

Issue Fee Transmittal [1 pg.]

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